

Amendments To The Abstract

Marked-up Version

The following marked-up version of the amended Abstract is attached hereto to aid the examiner in identifying the changes:

~~Although a preferred embodiment of the present invention has been described for illustrative purposes, those skilled in the art will appreciate that various modifications, additions and substitutions are possible, without departing from the scope and spirit of the invention as disclosed in the accompanying claims~~ A method enabling a person requiring Soojichim acupuncture to perform it by oneself using a copy of the person's body, which comprises the steps of: forming a copy of the body of the person requiring Soojichim acupuncture; marking acupoint locations on the body copy by force of a specialist in Chinese medicine; attaching the body copy to the corresponding portion of the body; and performing Soojichim acupuncture according to the marked acupoint locations by the person requiring Soojichim acupuncture is disclosed.

Amendments To The Drawings:

The attached drawing sheets include changes to FIGS. 2A-2B and FIG. 3. These sheets contain corrections shown in red for the examiner's approval and are requested to replace the original sheets of FIGS. 2A-2B and FIG. 3

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s) of FIGS. 2A-2B and FIG. 3

Annotated Sheet(s) Showing Changes of FIGS. 2A-2B and FIG. 3

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2 are pending in the present application before this amendment. By the present amendment, claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice, and claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

In the Office Action, the oath or declaration stands objected to under 37 CFR 1.67(a) as allegedly being defective because it is missing the inventor's signature.

The Applicant respectfully traverses this objection that the declaration is defective because the originally filed declaration does in fact contained the Given Name and the Family Name of the inventor along with the Inventor's signature.

The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the Declaration filed on April 4, 2005, that is available upon inspection on the USPTO PAIR website, in which the Applicant respectfully believes that because the font size of the typed in Given Name and the Family Name of the inventor were so small that these typed Given Name and Family Names were overlooked. Further, upon inspection of the USPTO PAIR website, the Declaration also shows a hand written signature for M.S. Song dated December 14, 2004.

Therefore, the Applicant respectfully believes that the basis for this objection to this declaration filed on April 4, 2005 was incorrect. Accordingly, the Examiner is

respectfully requested to withdraw this objection

In the Office Action, the drawings stand objected to as allegedly failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because the specification does not describe the term "31" and "32".

The Applicant has subsequently amended the specification to particularly point out and discuss the acupoint locations 31, the reference point 32, the instantaneous mold 10 and the body copy 20 elements.

The Applicant has also subsequently amended the FIGS 2A, 2B and 3 to include the elements of the acupoint locations 31, the reference point 32, the instantaneous mold 10 and to the body copy 20 elements.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully believes that the basis for this objection to the drawings has been removed. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this objection to the drawings.

In the Office Action, the specification stands objected because the abstract is apparently alleged that the extensive mechanical and design details are given in the abstract.

The Applicant has subsequently amended the abstract to remove these extensive details. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully believes that the basis for this objection to the specification has been removed. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this objection to the specification.

In the Office Action, claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 2 as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter.

The Applicant has subsequently amended claim 1 by removing the phrases of "the corresponding portion of the body" and "by force". Therefore, the Applicant respectfully believes that the basis for this rejection have been removed. Accordingly the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this objection to claim 1.

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by USPN 4,073,296 (McCall).

For the reasons presented below, the Applicant respectfully traverses this anticipation rejection, and submits that claim 1, as it now stands, is in allowable form.

The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed towards the following emphasized limitations of independent claim 1, as amended:

CLAIM 1

A method enabling a person requiring Soojichim acupuncture to perform it by oneself using a copy of the person's body, which comprises the steps of:

making an instantaneous molding of a body of the person requiring Soojichim acupuncture;

forming a copy of the body on the basis of the instantaneous molding;

marking an acupoint location and **a reference point on the body copy;**

drilling into the acupoint location on the body copy;

attaching the body copy based on the marked reference point onto the body of the person requiring Soojichim acupuncture; and

performing Soojichim acupuncture according to the marked acupoint location by the person requiring Soojichim acupuncture.

The Applicant respectfully submits that McCall does not teach, suggest or disclose the above-emphasized limitations of independent claim 1, as amended. More specifically McCall does not disclose or suggest "*marking an acupoint location and a*

reference point on the body copy". Further, McCall does not disclose or suggest "drilling into the acupoint location on the body copy". Yet further McCall does not disclose or suggest "performing Soojichim acupuncture according to the marked acupoint location by the person requiring Soojichim acupuncture".

In contrast McCall teaches an acupressure treatment device composed of a ear mold having acupuncture nodules fixed thereto for depressing point onto the ear. (See e.g., McCall's Abstract and FIGS. 2-3). The custom made ear mold of McCall cannot be used for Soojichim acupuncture as there is no drilled Soojichim acupuncture point. The ear mold of McCall has only acupuncture nodules for depressing points on the ear.

There is no teaching of a body copy that is formed on the basis of the instantaneous molding that can be used repeatedly for making the body copy on which one or more Soojichim acupoint(s) and reference point which enables attaching the body copy onto the body portion needed for Soojichim acupuncture.

The present invention sets forth and claims in such a case that the body copy onto which the Soojichim acupoint(s) and reference point(s) were once formed gets damaged, it is possible for forming a new body copy using the stored instantaneous molding 10. The McCall reference does not teach these features, as set forth and claimed as in the present invention.

For the reasons set forth above, the Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1, now pending in this application, is in condition for allowance over the cited references.


Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal

of the outstanding objections and rejections and earnestly solicits an indication of allowable subject matter. This amendment is considered to be responsive to all points raised in the Office Action.

Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX OF ATTACHMENTS

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**Replacement Sheets of FIGS. FIGS. 2A-2B and FIG. 3
(a total of 2 sheets of drawings)**

and

**Annotated Sheets Showing Changes of FIGS. FIGS. 2A-2B and FIG. 3
(a total of 2 sheets of drawings)**



FIG.2A

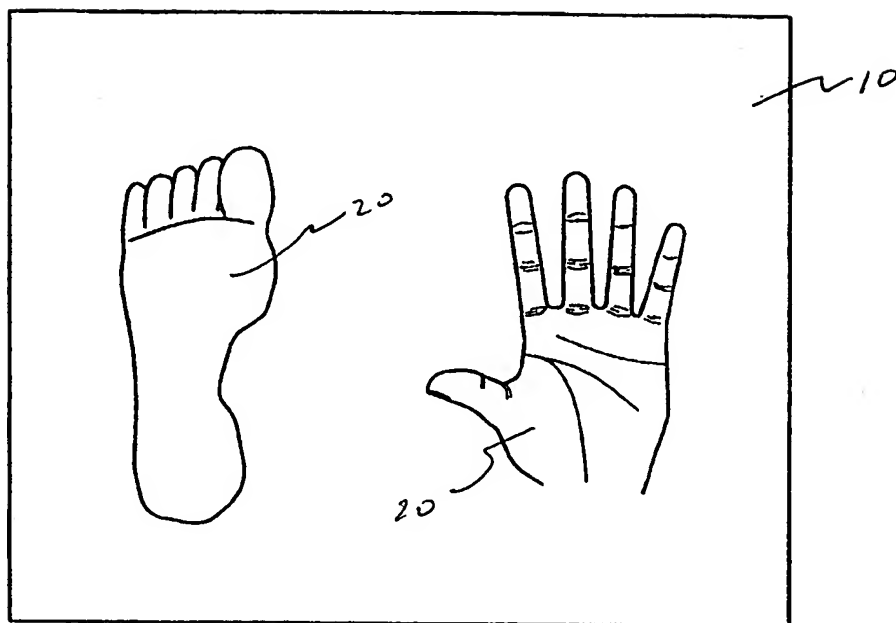


FIG.2B

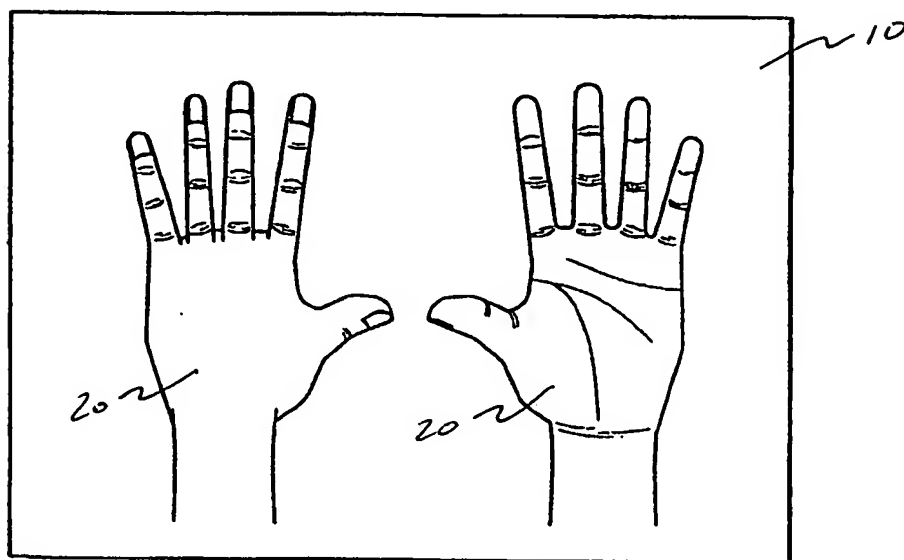


FIG. 3

